



Session 10:

CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING



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All Projects Contain Planning Elements

Categorical Exclusion projects contain shorter but same planning elements, usually accomplished during initial scoping and design

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CSS and Planning Process

- System Planning Integrated, Responsive, Multimodal
- Program Development Priorities, Funding, Schedule
- Individual Projects
 Scope, Coordination, Support

CSS is beneficial during each activity



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CSS and Planning Tasks

- Identify Affected Environment
- Identify Affected Population
- Identify and Invite Stakeholders
- Identify Issues









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CSS and Planning Tasks

Identify the Affected Environment

- Natural Landscape
- Cultural Landscape
- Transportation Corridor



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CSS and Planning Tasks

Identify the Affected Population

- Travelers
- Neighbors
- Communities



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CSS and Planning Tasks

Identify and Invite Stakeholders

- Inclusive
- Early
- Often
- Continuous



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CSS and Planning Tasks

Identify Issues

- Add scope and cost for issue you expect might arise
- Use stakeholders' input from previous projects
- Use stakeholders' input to this project

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CSS and Planning Principles

Interdisciplinary Teams

Disciplines meet together, not separately

- Engineers: design, geometrics, soils, construction, maintenance, traffic operations, others
- Landscape architects
- Planners
- Resource specialists
- Other department specialists
- Stakeholder representatives



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CSS and Planning Principles

Multimodal Systems

- Responsive
- Integrated
- Balanced



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Conclusion

Effective planning using Context Sensitive Solutions will lead to community and political support for MDOT's plans and planning processes.



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